

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** jap girl 3.bmp

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1300545.016

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Japanese

**Applicant:** The District Court At Timaru

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 08 July 2013

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** No notice of decision has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it tends to support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file is a Japanese cartoon drawing depicting a naked young girl and emphasising her sexual parts. This sexualized image perpetuates the idea that sexual images of children and young people are an acceptable subject for entertainment. The availability of such material tends to weaken the social taboos that protect young girls from abuse and has the potential to lead to their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.